

Colonel John R. (Jack) O'Connor Deputy Commander, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Colonel Jack O'Connor assumed duties as the Deputy Commander, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Ft. Eustis, Va., on April 25, 2008. The command provides global surface deployment and distribution services in support of the nation's objectives.

Colonel O'Connor is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Miami, Fla., in 1984 with a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and was commissioned in the Transportation Corps through ROTC. He holds masters' degrees in both lo-



gistics management from Florida Institute of Technology, and strategic studies from the Army War College. His military education also includes the Transportation Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Logistics Executive Development Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Armed Forces Staff College.

He has served in a variety of multifunctional logistics assignments to include: Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, 590th Transportation Company, and Battalion Maintenance Officer, 181st Transportation Battalion, Mannheim, Germany; Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 3rd Corps Support Command, V US Corps, Wiesbaden, Germany; Assistant Battalion S-2/3 and Commander of Delta Company, 407th Supply and Transport Battalion, 82nd Division Support Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Battalion S-2/3 Operations Officer (Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM-Saudi Arabia), 7th Transportation Battalion and Assistant S-3 Operations Officer, 507th Corps Support Group, 1st Corps Support Command, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Division Transportation Officer, G-4, 82nd Airborne Division and Executive Officer, 782nd Main Support Battalion, again at Ft. Bragg, N.C.; J4 Logistics Plans Officer, J4 Logistics, Engineering, and Security Assistance Directorate, Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii; Commander, Troop Support Battalion, Ft. Bragg, N.C. (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM-Uzbekistan); Transportation Branch Chief, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Va.; Commander, 402nd Army Field Support Command, Army Sustainment Command, Army Materiel Command (Operation IRAQI FREEDOM-Kuwait/Iraq); and most recently, Executive Officer to the Army Materiel Command Executive Deputy to the Commanding General at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Personal awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (six Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal (one bronze star), Southwest Asia Medal (three bronze stars), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Saudi/Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

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